

Bates, Rockell lift Wycombe through

Wycombe 4, Wisbech 2: by HENRY COPE

A DRAMATIC rally in the last five minutes gave Wycombe this unexpected triumph over the Southern League professionals of Wisbech Town, and sends them into the F.A. Cup second round for the first time.

Wycombe, following the pattern of many of their games this year, packed maximum effort into a dashing start and an all-out finish. It was a tough duel throughout, with the Wycombe amateurs matching the pro's greater craft and experience with speed, stamina, and enthusiasm.

Wycombe's electrifying start caught the Wisbech defence on the hop and, within five minutes, Wanderers were two up. Chance-taker Chris Trott put them ahead two minutes after the start and added a second three minutes later.

But Wisbech did not concede it that easily. Skipper Billy Elliott inspired several threatening moves from the left wing. And there were many snappy raids, too, from the right where Arnold Kendall impressed in his first game for the Wisbech first team.

Kendall supplied the centre from which Elliott scored after 23 minutes and, 10 minutes before half-time, Elliott skied a centre plumb into the Wycombe goal-mouth for Moore to bundle the ball past Syrett.

Wanderers could not find their early brilliance against a defence which improved steadily, with Porter at left-back and Adamson at right-half always prominent, and goalkeeper Bernard Streten in smart form after early uncertainty.

Wycombe had narrow escapes as Elliott, Smith, and Pye tested Syrett in strong Wisbech attacks.

Then, 10 minutes before the end, Wanderers came back to life to rock Wisbech with a series of all-out assaults.

Four minutes before the close, Trott retrieved the ball from a goal-mouth tackle and slipped it to centre-forward Paul Bates. He put Wycombe ahead again.

And two minutes later, right-winger Rockell slammed home another goal from a pass by Bates.

Bates is Wycombe hero

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BILLY ELLIOTT, the man you remember on the Burnley, Sunderland and England left-wing, now skipper of Wisbech, got booed for his efforts at Wycombe.

He and ex-Nottingham Forest star Alan Moore were spoken to by the referee.

No doubt, the home supporters were disappointed with their team's fade-away act after a two-goals-in-the-first-five-minutes spree. Certainly, Elliott and his Wisbech boys could never be called a dirty side.

Wycombe needn't have worried. After a fighting Wisbech come-

back, they clinched the match with two brilliant goals in the 87th and 89th minutes. Centre-forward Paul Bates, the hero of this Wycombe success, kicked a great right-foot shot past Streten from 25 yds. Two minutes later, Bates, popping up on the right wing, swung over a centre which Mike Rockell met with a flying header.

Two goals from Trott in the second and fifth minutes, both laid on by Bates, gave Wycombe their great start. But, wily Wisbech used their years of experience to pull the game down to their own speed and Elliott (23 minutes) and Moore (35) brought them on level terms.